



MEDIA INFORMATION

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The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has received calls regarding the typical grandson in jail, needs bond money scam. The scammer seems to have a more convincing argument than others, and has convinced the would-be victims their grandson is in jail.

The scammer purports to be the grandson of the victim, explaining he has been arrested and if he doesn't get bond money right away he will be taken to jail, then hands the phone to Captain Richardson, or Captain Michael Richardson with the Lincoln Corrections who tells the victim they cannot tell anyone about this matter because the DEA is involved or they will be prosecuted. The victim is then instructed to go to Wal-Mart and purchase gift cards, the victim cannot come to the jail in person, and call Captain Richardson back for instructions.

The scammer has just enough information to give some legitimacy to the call, and gets very defensive if the victims start asking specific questions for verification.

Several scare tactics are used that should tip off any potential victims. Law Enforcement does not use a gag order to prosecute people. Jails do not accept gift cards for payment instead of bringing cash in person. If you really think your grandson is in trouble, call their parents for verification. Call the Sheriff's Office and we will help sort through the issue.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is committed to seek and find ways to affirmatively promote and preserve a feeling of security and safety in members of the community.